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TAGS : MILI, TW
SUBJECT : PRESS REPORTS IN TAIWAN ON AVIATION WEEK
- F-5G STORY
REF : STATE 214056

1. ALL TAIPEI EVENING NEWSPAPERS OF AUGUST 23 AND ALL MORNING NEWSPAPERS OF AUGUST 24 CARRIED A CNA-WASHINGTON DISPATCH ON F-5G FIGHTER. ACCORDING TO CNA, NORTHROP HAS COMPLETED PRELIMINARY DESIGN OF A HIGH PERFORMANCE ALL-WEATHER F-5 FIGHTER FOR THE ROC. IF F-5G IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE ROC, NORTHROP WILL ASK STATE TO CLEAR ITS SALE TO THE ROC. NORTHROP DEVELOPED THE F-5G IN RESPONSE TO THE PENTAGON'S REQUEST FOR A LOW-COST AIRCRAFT THAT WILL SATISFY THE ROC'S REQUIREMENT FOR AN ALL-WEATHER INTERCEPTOR BY THE MID-1980'S. FIRST PRODUCTION MODELS TO BE AVAILABLE 1983 OR EARLY 1984. WHEREAS ALL PREVIOUS F-5 MODELS HAVE BEEN POWERED BY TWO GE J85 ENGINES, F-5G WILL BE POWERED BY A SINGLE F404-GE-400 ENGINE. CNA ARTICLE CALLS THIS A "SIGNIFICANT DEPARTURE FROM PAST EMPHASIS ON TWO ENGINES." TAIPEI PRESS HAS NOT YET GIVEN ANY GROG REACTION OR EDITORIAL COMMENT.

2. TDC HAS RECEIVED THE SAME GUIDANCE FROM SECDEF AS THAT IN REFTTEL. SO FAR WE HAVE RECEIVED NO PRESS
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QUERIES ON THIS SUBJECT, BUT WHEN WE DO WE SHALL STICK TO GUIDELINES. UNGER

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